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Glen Canyon News Release

2006 Budget and Annual Performance Plan for Glen Canyon and Rainbow Bridge Available for Public Review

PAGE, AZ – Kitty Roberts, superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, announced today that the park's budget, annual performance plan, and estimates for fee revenues for fiscal year 2006 are available for public review. The annual performance plan details goals for the balance of this fiscal year with the annual work plan, expected outcomes, and fiscal and human resources needed for each goal.

Congress appropriated Glen Canyon National Recreation Area \$10,150,000 and \$103,000 for Rainbow Bridge National Monument, for operation and maintenance of the respective areas under the fiscal year 2006 budget (October 1, 2005- September 30, 2006).

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is one of 390 areas managed by the National Park Service. The park encompasses more than 1.25 million acres and receives nearly two million visitors annually. In addition to the headquarters office located in Page, Arizona, district offices are located at Lees Ferry and Wahweap, Arizona, as well as Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, Hite, and Escalante, Utah.

Operating and maintaining facilities in many of the outlying districts is very similar to running a small town. In addition to protecting park resources and visitor safety, the park produces power, operates water and wastewater treatment plants, staffs visitor centers, maintains roads and trails, and provides employee housing, solid waste disposal, law enforcement and fire protection. Glen Canyon currently has 151 full- time- equivalent positions.

A summary of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's operating budget and estimated fiscal year 2006 fee revenue includes:

Facilities Operation & Maintenance: Includes buildings, grounds, roads,	\$3,500,000
utilities, boats, solid waste management, water treatment, water quality, the	
dive program, and maintenance related resource preservation.	
Visitor Services: Includes law enforcement, search and rescue, dispatch, lake	\$3,000,000
pollution control, emergency medical services, visitor center operations,	
ranger programs, education, resource protection, and business management.	
Resources Management and Preservation: Includes resource preservation for	900,000
natural and cultural resources, grazing management, water quality assessment,	
cultural liaison activities, research, and science programs.	
Administrative Support: Includes the superintendent's office and other	\$2,750,000
administrative services to support park operations including human resources,	
budget tracking, the park's safety program, telecommunications, aviation, fleet	

management, boat and vehicle fuel and information technology support.	
Fee Revenue: Anticipated revenues from entrance, user, and special park use	\$1,700,000
fees fund the cost of collecting fees and costs associated with special park uses	
as well as key projects. Some of this year's projects include replacing the fish	
cleaning station at Wahweap, controlling exotic species on Lake Powell and	
on land, replacing the orientation facility for whitewater rafters at Lees Ferry,	
continuing the renovation of historic buildings at Lees Ferry, and	
rehabilitating and refurbishing signs throughout the park.	

A summary of Rainbow Bridge National Monument's budget includes:

Visitor Services: Includes education and law enforcement park rangers.	\$ 28,000
Facilities Operation and Maintenance: Maintaining docks, trails, and	\$ 75,000
restrooms.	

In addition to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's appropriated operating budget, other funding sources will provide approximately \$10.9 million for much needed facilities and projects that would otherwise not be possible. These funding sources include National Park Service repair/rehab funds, revenues from concessions operations, the Federal Lands Highway Program, and utility and employee quarters income. This year's projects funded with these sources include rehabilitating the Hall's Crossing entrance road; completing upgrades to the Wahweap campground; removing hazard trees at Wahweap, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing; repairing boat pump- outs on Lake Powell; and upgrading the Wahweap visitor fuel dock.

Copies of the park's annual performance plan, which is derived from the 2001 National Park Service Strategic Plan, can be obtained by writing to:

Superintendent Glen Canyon NRA P. O. Box 1507 Page, Arizona 86040

Copies of Glen Canyon's annual performance plan and the park's five- year strategic plan are also available on at *http://www.nps.gov/glca*.

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